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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON 2 MAY 73 REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE:

DANANG 474

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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 94, MAY 2, 1973

1. MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

A. THERE WAS LIGHT ACTIVITY ON MAY 1: A TOTAL OF 13 INCIDENTS, ONE GROUND ATTACK AND NINE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF' S) AND THREE OTHERS. NO ACTION WAS REPORTED IN THE MARINE OR AIRBORNE AO' S; THE 1 ST DIVISION SAW FIVE ABF' S AND THE 2 ND DIVISION ONE GROUND ATTACK AND ONE ABF. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 3 KIA AND 14 WIA; ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNUSUALLY HIGH WITH 51 KIA AND 5 RETURNEES. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 2,406 ROUNDS, 1,714 NORTH OF THE HIA VAN PASS AND 692 SOUTH.

B. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OVER KHE SANH IN QUANG TRI INDICATES THE ENEMY HAS SOME 21 ANTI- AIRCRAFT INSTALLATIONS WITH 37 MM CALIBER WEAPONS IN PLACE.

2. PRISONER EXCHANGES:

PROVINCE DIRECTOR QUANG NAM REPORTS THAT THE TPJMT IN THAT
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PROVINCE TOGETHER WITH A SPECIAL ICCS DELEGATION FROM SAIGON
WILL TAKE PART IN A RELEASE OF SIX CIVILIANS BY THE PRG
ON MAY 2. THE LOCATION IS ACROSS THE THU BON RIVER WEST OF THE
DUC DUC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS WEST SOUTHWEST
OF HOI AN. CONGEN COMMENT: CANDEL MEMBERS IN REGION II HEAD-
QUARTERS TOLD POLOFF THAT SAIGON HAS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED THEM
NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE RELEASE OF CIVILIAN DETAINEES;
ALL OBSERVATIONS OF EXCHANGES ARE TO BE CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL
TEAMS FROM SAIGON. END COMMENT.

3. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES:

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO AREA DIRECTOR QUANG
NGAI, GVN AUTHORITIES HAVE INVENTORIED THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OF
GOODS DESTINED FOR THE VIET CONG WHICH WERE CONFISCATED DURING
APRIL: 600 LITERS GOSOLINE, 300 CANS MEAT, 200 CANS FISH, AND
50 VIALS MEDICINES. 55 VC SUPPLIERS WERE ARRESTED. AREA
DIRECTOR COMMENT: MUCH OF WHAT IS CONFISCATED NEVER FINDS ITS
WAY INTO INVESTORIES, SO THAT THE TOTAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN GVN
AND PRG AREAS IS PROBABLY FAR GREATER THAN THESE FIGURES INDICATE.
END COMMENT. IN DUC PHO DISTRICT, THE VIET CONG ARE BUYING
PARTICULARLY CLOTH, FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES, GASOLINE, SALT, NUOC
MAM, CANNED FOODS, FARM TOOLS, AND INSECTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS.
TRADE WITH PRG AREAS HAS INCREASED BY FIFTEEN TO TWENTY PERCENT
SINCE THE CEASEFIRE, AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI REPORTS.
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